

Parents Called Deterrents Towards Ministerial Call

A decided shift in parental attitude toward young men entering the Christian ministry as their lifework has taken place in the last generation, Bishop Gerald Kennedy said recently.

"For the first time in my life, I see the home as too often a negative influence in recruiting for the ministry. Today more young men come into the ministry in spite of the outspoken opposition of their fathers, and the more subtle lack of enthusiasm of their mothers. Nothing indicates more clearly a lessening of faith in Christ and his Church," the bishop said.

His views on the future in ministerial recruitment were spelled out in an article in the October issue of

the Christian Advocate, bi-monthly Methodist journal for ministers.

"Wise parents," the bishop said, "will not force their children into any profession, including the ministry. Their privilege is to create an atmosphere of love for the church and by precept and example indicate their respect for its importance. Having done this, the event is in the hands of God."

While attesting to the critical need for ministers, Bishop Kennedy criticized as foolishness the idea that any recruiting program, testing device, or promotional technique will solve the problem.

"In this as in all the issues of our life, we are ut-

terly dependent on God. No preacher is worth his salt if his ministry is not grounded in an assurance that the Almighty chose him for His task.

"We must not think of the ministry as a task for any man with administrative ability, organizing skill, the gift of glib speech, or a pleasing personality. It demands nothing less than the purpose described by young Francis Asbury on his way to America: 'I am going to live to God, and to bring others so to do.'"

The bishop called on the church to examine itself in the matter of recruitment. The life of the church in any generation will determine to a large extent whether or not young men choose its service, and the quality of its ministry in any generation will determine how young people regard it, he said.

"The church engaged in small affairs, will not be attractive to boys with stars in their eyes. Who wants to spend his life mixed up in the bickerings of people who have forgotten love in their quest of bitter orthodoxy? Why should a man spend his life dealing with irrelevant side issues? The church which has failed to inspire any youngsters with its wonder and greatness ought to examine itself with much prayer and fasting."

The main recruiting agent God can use is the man already committed to the service of the church, the bishop stressed. "No exceptional youth should go unchallenged by his minister to listen for God's word about his lifework."

Unitarians to Hear Talk on the U. N.

Charles Hogan, chairman of the United Nations technical assistance committee, will speak Friday, Nov. 1st in San Pedro under the sponsorship of the Pacific Unitarian Church on the subject "United Nations Current Issues."

The program will be held at the San Pedro YMCA, 921 S. Beacon, at 8 p.m.

The talk will be the fourth annual Harry A. Shuder Memorial address, honoring the first minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church.

Hogan served in the United States Embassy in London from 1942-45. Before

joining the UN in 1946, he served briefly as assistant to Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas.

Tickets for the address are \$1.50 donation for adults and 50 cents for students. Reservations may be made from Mrs. David Mannick, 2705 Robinson Rd., Redondo Beach, at FR 4-3651.

Proceeds will be used to assist in establishing a church library and minister's study in the church the congregation is building on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Presently services are held at Miraleste School every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

His First Pastorate at Community Baptist

By RED LOCKWOOD

The Rev. Charles Ellsworth Phelps, the new pastor of the Community Baptist Church, 925 W. 223rd St., is a man who entered college at the age of 38 to begin his study for the ministry.

On June 1 of this year Rev. Phelps graduated from the California Baptist Theological Seminary with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He then came to Torrance, in his forties, to assume his first fulltime pastorate.

It is apparent from his Statement of Faith that the decision was not an easy one for Rev. Phelps.

'I Delayed'

"I delayed any definite response (to the call he felt in his heart)," wrote Rev. Phelps, "for a number of years telling myself I was to old to begin the formal education necessary for such a ministry."

"Moreover," continued Rev. Phelps, "I felt I lacked all the natural qualifications. I was an introvert, a terrible speaker, excessively self-conscious before a group, and a multitude of other reasons."

However, the Rev. Phelps is a man of conviction, he dared and he achieved.

Rev. Phelps and his wife Lauramae, were born in Missouri and journeyed to California back in the year 1937.

They settled in South Los Angeles.

Invited to Church

In 1938, they were invited to attend South Park Baptist Church by a neighbor Mrs. E. Grace Connor. They attended. Both were converted in 1938.

"Following a rather slow spiritual growth," Rev. Phelps recalls, "I felt God's call to the ministry in about the year 1944."

At that time, he was working with the South Gate Manufacturing Co. in charge of the coiling department.

Once Rev. Phelps started to college, the company graciously transferred him to the swing shift so that he could work and attend school, too.

While in college, the four children of Rev. Phelps were in college, too.

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Colored Slides To Be Shown at Sunday Worship

Dr. B. A. McKeowan, recently returned from a world-wide trip, will speak at the Harbor City Foursquare Church, 835 W. 255th St., for the morning and evening services Sunday, Oct. 27.

His subject for the morning service will be "The Call of God," and for the evening "This Is the Hour."

In connection with his sermons he will show colored slides of Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, India, Thailand, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Wake Island and Hawaii.

Dr. McKeowan was formerly pastor of the Burbank Foursquare Church and an instructor at LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles.

Rev. Marion Piles, pastor of the Harbor City Foursquare Church, invites the public.

Scotty's Castle, at the northern boundary of Death Valley National Monument, is an amazing sight in this isolated region, notes the Automobile Club of Southern California. Built as a whim of the late "Death Valley Scotty," the castle contains beautiful furnishings and art treasures.

Surely, a layman who had the courage to start at the age 38 to become a minister should be able to bring his ministry to laymen.

Truly, he is one of them.

Next Sunday is Layman's Sunday at the Community Baptist Church, which is in line with Rev. Phelps' belief that he must "get the people to feel that it is their ministry as well as mine."

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The accredited first year course in science of mind offered by South Bay Church of Religious Science Affiliated is being taught by Dr. Arthur Morrell, minister, Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at 3755 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach.

The course is in three terms, fall, winter and spring, leading to a bachelor of religious science degree.

First term covers basic principles of religious science; the second, spiritual mind healing; and the third, principles of successful living.

Persons desiring further information are asked to contact Mrs. Hawkins at OS 6-2947.

South Bay Church meets at 11 a.m. Sundays in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, Catalina and Ruby Sts.

Christmas bazaar will be held Nov. 3 at the Masonic Temple following morning services.

Hanukkah Carnival Planned by Temple

Temple Menorah will sponsor a Hanukkah Carnival Sunday, Dec. 8.

Featured attractions of the afternoon event will include: Maccabean Matinees for the children at 2 and 4 p.m., featuring live entertainment; Hanukkah land fantasia of carnival booths; and a ticket drawing for three prizes.

In addition, the Temple religious school will sponsor a contest for artwork projects depicting the Hanukkah theme, religious freedom. The winning projects will be on display.

Hotdogs, potato pancakes, cotton candy, and souvenirs will be available beginning at noon.

Persons desiring to offer assistance are asked to contact Mrs. Philip Weinstein, FR 1-1545; Jack Belford, 378-3872; Larry Rodson, 371-1310; or Clark Kates, FR 1-5436.

Proceeds will be used to defray operating expenses of the temple.

OLD FASHIONED COUNTY FAIR

The Salvation Army Home League of Redondo Beach will sponsor an "Old-Fashioned County Fair" from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Nov. 9, on the lawn at The Salvation Army building, 125 W. Beryl St., Redondo Beach.

Fancy work, handicraft, Christmas decorations, baked goods, food sale, and carnival will comprise the bazaar with special entertainment featured throughout the day.

The public is invited. No admission price will be charged.

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Eddy (p. 202): "The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done."

Scriptural references will include this verse: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will God" (Romans 12:2).

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